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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HAMPTON

Anderson Memorial Hospital, on behalf  
of itself and others similarly situated

Plaintiffs,

v.

W. R. Grace & Company; W.R. Grace &  
Company-Connecticut; United States  
Mineral Products Company; T&N, plc.,  
formally Turner & Newall, PLC and Turner  
& Newall, LTD; United States Gypsum  
Company; Asbestos Products Manufacturing  
Corporation; Asbestospray Corporation;  
H&A Construction Company.

Defendants.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Civil Action No. 92-CP-25-279

ORDER

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CLERK OF COURT  
HAMPTON COUNTY

Anderson Memorial Hospital has petitioned this Court for emergency relief which is based on the verified petition of counsel. I find under the circumstances such ex parte request is appropriate and not violative of the prohibition against ex parte communications. Based on the evidence and law presented to me at this time, I conditionally certify against W. R. Grace & Company and W.R. Grace & Company-Connecticut the class action requested in the Plaintiff's class certification motion. I further issue a Rule to Show Cause, returnable within three days from the date this order is served, for W. R. Grace & Company and W.R. Grace & Company-Connecticut to show cause why this conditional class certification should not remain in effect pending the Court's final order on Plaintiff's motion to certify.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

York, South Carolina  
February 9, 2001

*John C. Hayes, III*  
The Honorable John C. Hayes, III  
Presiding Judge

